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## HARTFORD NAMED "TREE CITY USA"

The City of Hartford is proud to be named "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> time the Capitol City has received this national honor for its commitment to its community forest.

Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez says, "This award helps our residents appreciate the beautification and environmental value that trees bring to our City, our society, and our world."

Hartford has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: it has a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and Arbor Day observances.

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. This year, it falls on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Connecticut's state tree is the White Oak.